

## House Resolution Number 5

**Whereas**, as the Ninety-second General Assembly of the State of Missouri convenes on Wednesday, January 8, 2003, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives proudly acknowledge services rendered to the General Assembly by distinguished public servants of this fair state; and

**Whereas**, the Honorable Duane Benton, Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri, deserves countless words of praise and commendation for the selfless manner in which he has given his valuable time to administer the oath of office to members of this legislative body in accordance with Missouri law; and

**Whereas**, during the inaugural session of the House of Representatives, Justice Benton displayed the highest degree of dedication in continuing the long-established tradition of rendering a sense of both dignity and solemnity in the prestigious ceremony which marks the official beginning of each legislator's two-year term in office as an elected representative of the people of Missouri; and

**Whereas**, since his appointment to the Supreme Court in August 1991, Justice Benton has worked tirelessly to help maintain open lines of communication between the judicial and legislative branches of Missouri state government so that each may be informed of the role of the other in serving all citizens; and

**Whereas**, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should take pause to applaud the numerous laudable achievements of the Honorable Duane Benton during his exemplary legal career:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing our most sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to the Honorable Duane Benton for the devoted and faithful manner in which he has served this body and further extend our very best wishes for continued great success and even more outstanding accomplishments in executing his numerous varied duties and responsibilities as a Justice of our State's Highest Court; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Honorable Duane Benton as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jason G. Crowell  
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 5, adopted January 8, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker